



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday ❖ April 5, 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer, page 270

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the according to Matthew

Reader When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 154 All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Collect

Prayer Book, page 272

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Philippians 2:5-11**

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 31:9-16

Prayer Book, page 623

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn 458 My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

A period of silence is kept.

The Prayers of the People

BCP, page 383

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, for wisdom and courage to serve the whole human family let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this city of Richmond, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all doctors and nurses, for nursing assistants, for all who work in our hospitals, for all working in emergency services, for their safety and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the communion of St. Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

A period of silence is kept.

Confession of Sin

BCP, page 360

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**



Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul during this season of Lent.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer, page 461



The Parish Prayer List

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Ross Mackenzie, Katherine Mezger, George Moncure, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children. For those who have died, especially remembering Rick Wheeler. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and The Most Rev. Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island. For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.



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